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PARIS AND BRUSSELS FOR AMBASSADOR ROBERT S. SMITH

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SUBJECT: GHANA DEBT: SECOND ROUND NEGOTIATIONS

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1. FCO INFORMS US THAT GHANAIS HAVE AGREED TO MEET WITH CREDITORS IN ROME BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 11. LEQUESNE'S MESSAGE TO ASHLEY-LASSEN DELIVERED BY ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN ACCRA LATE TUESDAY, MARCH 5. ASHLEY-LASSEN REPORTEDLY LAUGHED AT STATEMENT THAT CREDITORS BELIEVE THAT 10/18/2.5 PER CENT FORMULA "CONSTITUTES FAIR BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT," BUT CONFIRMED THAT HE HAS FIRM PLANS TO TRAVEL TO ROME ON FRIDAY, MARCH 8. ASHLEY-LASSEN STATED HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FORDWOR, ASANTE, ASHIABOR, AGAMA AND BOTCHWAY (BANK OF GHANA).

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2. LEQUESNE, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN BRUSSELS, PLANS TO TRAVEL TO ROME ON SATURDAY. TIME AND PLACE OF CREDITORS' MEETING ON SUNDAY IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TO CREDITOR COUNTRY EMBASSIES.

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